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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hook et al. :
Serial No.: 09/545,554 : Art Unit: 3746
Filed: April 7, 2000 : Examiner: T. Kim
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :
FOR REDUCING GAS :
TURBINE ENGINE EMISSIONS :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, and made final, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 21, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-6 and 8-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 8-20 stand rejected. Claim 7 has been cancelled.

The objection to the drawings is respectfully traversed. Figure 2 illustrates a cross-sectional view of an annular combustor, and Applicants respectfully submit that an artisan of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the water injection nozzles are connected to all of the swirl cups, including the innermost swirl cup. However, to expedite the prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Approval of Drawing Change. Specifically, Figure 2 has been amended to illustrate that the innermost swirl cup is connected to the water injection nozzle. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request approval of the drawing changes. Upon approval of the drawing changes, Applicants will submit substitute formal drawings incorporating the above-noted change. Accordingly, for at the

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